

REVENUE WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

A Negro Detective Threatens
Some of His Witnesses.

TOLD THEM HE WOULD KILL.

To Save Their Lives They Swear Just as He
Directs and Then Were Indicted in
Court For Perjury They Make a Clean
Breast of the Affair and Judge Orders
Arrest of the Detective - New Census for
Raleigh-Hyemeneal-Worth Will Case.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—If you had been in the Federal Court room yesterday morning, says the News and Observer of today, you would have obtained a peep behind the curtain and learned something of the disgraceful manner in which the revenue business in North Carolina is conducted.

It came out in the evidence on two trials that Shep Turner, a negro who seems to make his living by acting as detective for revenue officials, in Cumberland county, is a man of the worst possible character, not hesitating to threaten weak-minded witnesses with violence in order to make them swear to suit him. The record of the court shows further that the revenue officials knew this, and yet, when Shep Turner was arraigned in court on Wednesday for subornation of perjury, these facts were not laid before the judge, but the case against Shep Turner was not pressed, it being shown that he was "a useful man to the officers in his section."

Shep Turner left for home and was probably there yesterday when the cases against Peter Connel and Luther McNeil, for perjury, were tried.

Peter is 31 years old, and a married man. Luther is a boy of 15 years of age. Both are black, ragged and simple-minded—almost idiotic. They hardly looked like human beings, and presented a most pitiable spectacle as they came forward for trial. They had no attorney and offered no defense.

The testimony against them was conclusive, showing that on November 6th at Fayetteville, in the trial of Pitt Deal for retailing, both Peter and Luther had sworn that they bought whiskey from Deal, and went into details as to the circumstances of the purchase. A month later, when arrested, they both acknowledged that they had sworn to what was not true, but told the court that they did so on account of threats made against them by the negro, Shep Turner, when working up the case.

"He told me," said Peter, "that the officers were on his side and he had the law to summon whom he pleased to the trial, and if I didn't go and tell what he told me he would put me to death—that he would kill me and burn my house. I laid out in the woods two nights because I was afraid of him."

Being further questioned, he said: "Shep came to my house while we were eating bread, and he said he wanted to talk to me about a trial they were going to have. I went to that trial because he told me he'd get ten men and come and kill me if I didn't." "Luther McNeil's testimony was much to the same effect. He said he lived with his sister on the land of Shep Turner's grandfather.

"Did Shep Turner threaten you?" "He told me what he wanted me to swear to and said if I didn't he'd kill me. I swore to it."

Judge Purnell—"Issue a process for Turner and have him brought here."

Mr. Spears said he would not ask a verdict in these cases and Judge Purnell ordered a verdict of not guilty entered. He added:

"It seems to me we ought to make an example of some of these perjurers who are coming up here, but I don't think these are proper subjects. Let them be discharged, and Mr. Clerk, make out papers for Shep Turner's arrest at once."

THE NEW CITY CENSUS.

The work of taking the census of Raleigh, as ordered by the Board of Aldermen, began yesterday morning.

One man is at work in each ward and he must finish his job in five days. He is taking only the names, house number, street, color and sex. The enumerators receive \$1.50 a day. This will make the census, if completed in five days, cost \$50. No provision is made for taking a census of the suburbs, where nearly all the city's growth during the last ten years has been.

HYMEENEAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jordan Latham have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, to Rev. Andrew L. Betts. The ceremony will take place at noon on next Wednesday in the Baptist church at Washington. Rev. Mr. Betts is well known in this city, having served here several years as city missionary.

THE WORTH WILL TRIAL.

The Worth will trial, now in progress at Asheboro, involves about a quarter of a million dollars. It is an effort to attack the validity of the will of the late Dr. J. M. Worth, on the ground that he was incapable at the time the will was made, of disposing of his property, and that undue influence was used by certain persons who received large bequests. The case will likely continue into next week. There is a great array of legal talent. The propounders are represented by Wm. C. Hammer and Wiley Rush, of Asheboro; Col. Morehead, of Greensboro; B. F. Long, of Stateville, and James H. P. of Raleigh; the caveaters are represented by C. B. Watson, of Winston; W. P. Bynum, Jr., of Greensboro, and O. L. Sapp, of Asheboro.

A TERRIBLE BLUNDER.

THE CENSUS DOES A TOWN AN INJUSTICE.

Henderson, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Evening Herald says:

"A terrible blunder has been made by some one. The Census Bureau of 1890 gave Henderson 4,191 population, while the census of 1900 gives us only 3,716, a loss of 343.

"This cannot possibly be correct. If we had 4,191 population in 1890 we have a much greater number now. We have every residence now that we had then, with possibly some half dozen that may have been destroyed by fire and, in addition to these, at least a hundred or more dwellings have been erected within the past ten years. This certainly gives us more homes than we

had in 1890, and every one of them are filled, it being a matter of current comment that it is almost impossible for a new comer to find a vacant house in Henderson.

"When we consider these facts, we are at a loss to know how the census enumerators give us a less population now than we had in 1890. But, possibly, people lived in the streets in 1890 like beasts in the fields and slept in fence corners and goods boxes, all of which is now a thing of the past, our people now living in houses like folks in other towns. This is the only solution to the problem that we can fix in our minds. Will some older citizen inform us if we are correct?"

CHAS. T. HOLT DEAD.

HE PASSED AWAY AT HAW RIVER YESTERDAY.

Haw River, N. C., Dec. 14.—Mr. Chas. T. Holt, president of the cotton mills at Haw River, died yesterday afternoon. He was the oldest and the only living son of the late Governor Thomas M. Holt, and his force of mind and strength was of no inconsiderable aid to his father during the latter's lifetime, and after his death became the central figure of Haw River. He was president of the T. M. Holt Manufacturing Company, and was connected with the Cora Manufacturing Company and numerous other industrial enterprises. He was an affable, kindhearted gentleman, whose kindness and generosity, and many amiable qualities made for him hosts of friends. He was a man of worth and dignity, whose business sagacity was of the highest, and whose judgment was considered very safe. He exhibited prudence and care in making his investments, and he was considered a very "safe" man. In business, politics and religion, he was by nature conservative.

To his wife, the daughter of ex-Governor Jones, of Alabama, he was a devoted husband. He was excellent in all the relations of life. As a citizen and friend he was true and trustworthy of the highest trust.

DURHAM.

APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP MORRISON TALKED ABOUT.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Durham Methodists are very much dissatisfied at the appointment of Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates as assistant pastor of Main Street church, this city. The appointment carries with it no salary and there is nothing to do.

Dr. Yates is one of the oldest, best and brainiest members of the conference, and the Durham Herald says the action of the conference in taking him off as presiding elder of the Durham district and assigned as assistant pastor of Main Street church, is the cause of no little talk, especially among the Methodists of Durham. The Herald adds:

"Why this was done will probably never be known, but many believe that it was done by the bishop to rebuke him for introducing the resolutions endorsing Dr. Kluge and Messrs. Duke and Odell, which were adopted by the conference."

EDENTON.

CLOUDY, RAIN, SLEET AND MUD—PERSONAL.

Edenton, N. C., Dec. 14.—After an absence of several weeks Miss Elizabeth Bateman is at home again.

Mr. M. F. Bond visited Norfolk yesterday on a business trip. He was accompanied by Miss Louise Bond and Miss Mary Jones.

Rev. Mr. Willis returned on the noon train yesterday after an absence of several days.

Mr. E. H. Allaire, of Belhaven, an ex-president of Edenton, passed through Edenton yesterday enroute to Norfolk.

Mr. C. W. Ren visited Hertford on business yesterday.

After a number of days of pretty weather we are now having clouds, rain, sleet and wind.

Mr. M. Wakely made a business trip over the sound yesterday.

Mr. E. R. Conger is out of town for a short time.

KINSTON.

LUMBER COMPANY INCORPORATED—THE STATE CENSUS.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Hickson Lumber Company, of Kinston, has been incorporated with a paid in capital of \$12,000; authorized capital, \$30,000. The purpose is to conduct a wholesale lumber business.

The Free Press of to-day says: "About two years ago a police census of Kinston showed 4,076 population. The government census taken last May shows only 4,106. We believe the police census was correct and that the town has grown at least 1,000 since it was taken. We believe Kinston now has over 5,000 people. We have no idea that any of our population was intentionally left out of the enumeration, but we have been informed of some who were left out and think that quite a number were overlooked. Another police census of Kinston ought to be taken."

NEW BERN.

GOVERNMENT CENSUS GIVES THE CITY 9,090.

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 14.—According to the official figures furnished by the United States census of 1900 the population of New Bern is given as 9,090, a gain of 1,247 since the census of 1890. If the population of New Bern was given according to the people really doing business here, and who are dependent upon this city for a living, the population would be about 12,000, but then the government's census will be accepted and recorded, and New Bern will be put down for the next ten years with a population of 9,090.

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The next contest we advertised closed October 5, 1900, and the cash prizes were awarded to the following parties:

Mrs. J. S. Poucher, Umstead, Suwanee Co., Fla., Five Hundred Dollars in Cash.

Geo. C. Coo, Jr., Una, Davidson Co., Tenn., Two Hundred Dollars in Cash.

Mrs. J. B. Sherwood, Colon, St. Joe Co., Mich., \$25; M. Schwartz, Chesterfield, Conn., \$25; H. R. Selleck, Elkton, Huron Co., Mich., \$12.50; Mrs. A. H. Grainger, Independence, Autauga Co., Ala., \$12.50; L. J. Garmon, Hillsboro, Hill Co., Texas; July Culey, Phelps, Lawrence Co., Mo.; Mary Booth, Newburgh, Orange Co., N. Y.; Mary Marell, Hasleton, Ohio; A. J. Lowry, Trasky, Minn.; R. E. Hart, Searcy, Ark.; Mrs. Kate Lee, 20 So. 9th St., Minneapolis, Minn.; Carrie Henderson, Davis Creek, California; Leroy Loveless, Rockpoint, Jackson Co., Oregon; Miss L. R. Burbank, Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. M. McDonald, Stony Creek, N. Y.; J. S. Rodkey, Jefferson, Pa.; M. C. McFarlane, Bertram, Burnet Co., Texas; E. M. Henderson, Pulaski, Orange Co., N. Y.; Lavina C. Sprague, Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co., Iowa; Mrs. H. B. Thompson, 107 Lancaster St., Liberty, Iowa; Mrs. May Bush, Delaware, Ohio; S. Mooney, Elderton, Pa.; Mrs. E. C. Deering, Magnolia, La.; Mrs. E. J. Hughes, Crystal Springs, Miss.; Annie K. Crawford, Bremen, Ky.; Alonzo Pennock, Norwich, Vt.; Mrs. W. W. Nichols, Marton Corners, Erie Co., N. Y.; Mrs. Hal Long, Sewee, Meigs Co., Tenn.; Joseph Rogers, Poorlith P. O., Union Co., N. C.; Donilla Johnson, Vancouver, B. C., Canada, \$3.34 each.

Now if you were so foolish as to ignore our previous advertisement, we certainly would advise you not to overlook this one, for without a doubt this is the opportunity of your life, for you have not only a chance to win an income of \$300 a year for life, but also to win a large amount of ready cash. We want you to read this over very carefully for it does not cost you one cent. One of these contests is, we believe, a very hard one, in fact so hard that it cannot be solved in a minute, nor an hour, but is going to tax your brains and take considerable of your time. However, do not give it up, for it can be solved and just think of the reward. We will give \$2,000 in cash for the correct answer. In the block square to the left we have printed 16 jumbled letters which we want you to try and arrange. These jumbled letters when properly arranged will spell the names of three large cities in the world. One city being located in the United States, one in South America and one in Europe. In making the names of these three cities the letters can only be used as many times as they appear, and no letter can be used which does not appear. When you have found the three correct names you will have used every letter in the sixteen as many times as it appears. If you cannot find the three correct names but find only two you will receive a special prize worth \$1. Remember even if you find only two correct names you will have the same chance to win the income for life sure you will not be disappointed. Someone is going to win the money and it may be you. Anyway, it does not cost you any money to try and if you are a successful contestant there is only one easy condition, which will take less than half an hour of your time, and or encyclopedia and look for these three cities. The correct names are known only to the president of this company and his private secretary. The envelope containing the only honest way of conducting a contest, as everyone will have an equal chance. In the event of more than one correct answer being received, we will request five parties this city. We take this unusual method of selecting a committee to show our good faith as we want to treat all in the fairest manner possible. The committee will be selected from among the contestants ten days before the contest closes, January 20, 1901, and you may be asked but not compelled to act as one of the committee. In addition to the Two Thousand Dollars in Cash we will give you an opportunity to win

which we will write you as soon as your answer is received. This, we can truthfully say, is the very hardest puzzle ever advertised, so get out your geography, atlas or encyclopedia and look for these three cities. The correct names are known only to the president of this company and his private secretary. The envelope containing the only honest way of conducting a contest, as everyone will have an equal chance. In the event of more than one correct answer being received, we will request five parties this city. We take this unusual method of selecting a committee to show our good faith as we want to treat all in the fairest manner possible. The committee will be selected from among the contestants ten days before the contest closes, January 20, 1901, and you may be asked but not compelled to act as one of the committee. In addition to the Two Thousand Dollars in Cash we will give you an opportunity to win

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